

SEEKING TO KILL A GREATER CITY

Action is Filed in Attempt to Thwart
Growth of Community on Techni-
cal Grounds.

DIRECTED AGAINST THOMPSON
Try to Force State's Attorney by Man-
damus to Bring Quo Warranto
Proceedings.

While the city of Rock Island was taking steps this morning to redeem its pledges made in the union ordinance to Sears at the time of the annexation of the latter to Rock Island, in approving plans for the paving of Ninth street, disgruntled persons competing an insignificant minority of the people of Sears, prompted by spiteful influences in Rock Island, sought to thwart the city's growth and prevent annexation. Not content with the overwhelming voice of the people as expressed at the election, they seek now, through court procedure, to set aside the expression of the people and keep Rock Island from expanding, through a proceeding seeking to compel the state's attorney to file an information in the nature of a quo warranto, against the city of Rock Island, inquiring by what warrant the city is exercising governmental control over the annexed territory.

Mandamus proceedings have been started in circuit court by Sears & Marshall as attorneys, ostensibly for the following petitioners: Mary J. Dougherty, Philip Inglefield, E. B. Strayer, J. A. McCarthy, F. E. Fitzpatrick, Ed. Jens, Edward Dierolf, Theodore Schubert, Chris Koehler, William Shoemaker, Emory Rumbarger and John Hagg.

Claims Serious Technicalities.
It is recalled that on Dec. 14, 1914, a petition purporting to have been signed by a majority of voters and property owners in the district annexed, filing a petition praying annexation to Sears and that on Jan. 4, 1915, the board declared the territory annexed. March 27, 1915, Sears passed another ordinance providing for the annexation of Sears to Rock Island, subject to the vote on the union ordinance. April 29, it is charged the trustees had no jurisdiction over the territory in question because their records do not show any petition praying for annexation was ever filed and that the same cannot be located at the present time, although the claim is made that it did not contain the signatures of a majority of the property owners and voters; that no part of Sears being attempted annexation, was or is contiguous to Rock Island, and that subsequent approved annexation of Sears to Rock Island depends on legality of annexation of property to Sears; that the act of the general assembly providing for annexing and excluding territory of villages, towns and cities and to unite them under which the election was held, had been repealed at the time of the balloting and was not in force; that the vote on the annexation of Sears to Rock Island was not by a ballot in form and manner as by law

prescribed; that the supposed contract between Sears and Rock Island provided among other things, for the paving of Ninth and Twelfth streets south from Eighteenth avenue to the north bridge across Rock river by special assessments and then attempt to arbitrarily distribute the cost between the city and property owners benefited, where the law provides local improvements shall be initiated by a special board and an officer appointed to distribute the cost; that this was merely an inducement that secured an apparent majority for annexation; that the city is powerless to carry out its part of the contract.

Refuses to Act.
It is set up that on June 5 there was presented to F. E. Thompson, state's attorney, a petition for leave to file information in the nature of a quo warranto, against the city of Rock Island, to answer by what warrant and authority it uses and exercises governmental functions and corporate powers over the annexed territory, and that the county prosecutor, while making no objection to the form or sufficiency of the petition and not denying that a prima facie case has been shown, arbitrarily refuses to sign and file the petition. Damages to the petitioners are claimed through annexation because it will mean their lands and property will be subject to a tax for municipal purposes and assessments for local improvements and the residents will be subject to the laws of the city.

The same influences back of this action which is entirely of a technical rather than a worthy nature are known to be fighting the enactment by the state legislature of laws to cure alleged or possible defects in the law. It is not at the defects in the law, which are largely imaginary at which this influence is aiming, presumably, but in seeking to kill the whole annexation project, which it

Stand by Agreement.

The entire Rock Island commission is determined to stand by the union ordinance as its duty and to fight for a greater Rock Island, a propaganda which is being supported by the majority of the people. The majority proceeding started is largely a question as to the discretionary power of the state's attorney and whether or not he can be forced to sign and file a petition asking for a quo warranto.

PROPERTY NOT TO BE CONFISCATED

Commission and Attorneys Hold
That Defunct Telephone Wires
Cannot be Forfeited.

The question as to whether or not the property of the defunct Union Electric Telephone company should be confiscated by the city, and which brought forth six months ago, a long discussion by the former commission, was renewed again this morning when the city council took up the petition of Charles Brady, asking that the city give him permission to remove the wires from the underground conduits. Mr. Brady has purchased the wire from J. R. Hatley, receiver of the company. He has already removed that which was located in Davenport and Moline. B. D. Connelly appeared for Mr. Brady at the session. Both he and City Attorney J. K. Scott held that the city could not confiscate the property since the defunct electric company's management had not passed to a competing company.

The city some time ago removed the aerial work and sold it, and now a fund of \$2,500 is on hand in the city coffers. It was agreed, practically, this morning that the city could not retain this fund, nor could it confiscate other property of the company. However, before the money is turned over to Mr. Brady several offsets on the sum which the city claims will be deducted.

POLICE NEWS

Jane Scherer, charged with having stolen a cactus belonging to William Flougel, was released from custody this morning, when Police Magistrate C. J. Smith dismissed the case. The plant was valued at \$5.

Three nights ago Officer Berry ordered two women to leave the city. They were seen by him again last night, and he arrested them. They gave their names as Grace Osborn and Lena Metheny. Each was fined \$5 and costs this morning, in default of which both went to the county jail for a day.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Walter F. Grant of Woonsocket, R. I., says she has used Father John's Medicine in her family of six children whenever they had colds or coughs and results have been wonderfully satisfactory.

Miss Ellen O'Leary, Matron of the Children's Home, in Lowell, Mass., says that she keeps forty children well and strong by giving them Father John's Medicine when they have a cough or get run down, or have a cold.

Frank Bennett, of 239 State Street, North Adams, Mass., says he gained 15 pounds while taking Father John's Medicine as a body builder. (Adv.)

FATHER JOHN'S
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INJURIES CAUSE DEATH OF W. FREY

Well Known Traveling Man Expires
Shortly After Being Struck by
Train at Geneseo.

WATCHING IN WRONG DIRECTION
Had Lived in Rock Island for Over 50
Years and Was One of Its Early
Grocery Merchants.

William Frey, 1616 Twenty-eighth street, Rock Island, the well known traveling salesman, who was struck by the east-bound Rocky Mountain limited on the Rock Island line at Geneseo yesterday afternoon at 3:15 died shortly afterward on the way to the city hospital without recovering consciousness. His right arm was broken and it is thought that his skull was fractured, as he sustained a severe abrasion on the right temple.

Mr. Frey, in company with another salesman, whose name has not been learned, started across the tracks toward the south to go to the depot. Both were looking for a west-bound train and failed to notice the approach of the east-bound passenger, even though the gates were down at the time. The train slowed up for the depot and was only going about 12 miles an hour at the time.

The men did not receive a warning whistle from the engineer until the train was close upon them. The other man jumped and saved his life. Mr. Frey became confused, stepped forward and then back again, being struck by the pilot of the engine. He was thrown a distance of several feet and was picked up unconscious. The ambulance was called but he expired on the way to the hospital.

Lived Here 50 Years.

William Frey had resided in this city for over a half a century. He was born July 9, 1854, in Memphis, Tenn. In infancy he was brought to Davenport by his parents, and when still a child the family moved to this city. He received his early education in the public schools of Rock Island. Later, in partnership with his brother, Peter Frey, who is now assistant chief of the fire department of this city, he entered the grocery business at Twenty-seventh street and Seventh avenue, in the early days known as Greenbush. He began his career as traveling salesman with the J. J. & G. Gilmore packing house 30 years ago. Since that time he had been connected with Henry Kohrs and the Amazon Vinegar and Pickle works of Davenport.

Six months ago he accepted a position with the Burlington Pickle works and was employed on the road for that concern at the time of his death.

His marriage to Miss Celia E. Turk was solemnized June 18, 1873, at Clarence, N. Y. He was a member of the United Commercial Travelers and leaves a host of friends who will mourn his untimely death.

Besides his wife he is survived by five children, William F., distributing clerk at the Rock Island postoffice; Doris, Harry and Cecelia at home, one brother, Peter Frey, and one sister, Mrs. John Dindinger, both of this city, and three grandchildren.

Funeral Thursday.
Funeral services will probably be conducted at the home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. M. E. Chatley, of the Christian Memorial church officiating, with interment at Chippawack cemetery.

Johnson Potter.

Johnson Potter, 75 years of age, died at 8:30 last evening at the home of his son, Edward E. Potter, Seventeenth and Richmond streets, following a general breakdown and infirmities of age. Mr. Potter with his wife came from their home in Davis, Ill., about six weeks ago to make their future home with their son, Edward. Shortly after their arrival here Mr. Potter was taken ill and failed rapidly.

He was born Sept. 18, 1841, at Davis, Ill., a son of pioneer parents and he had lived all of his life in his native city. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in company L, 75th Illinois infantry, and served through the entire conflict, being mustered out at the close. April 10, 1867, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Smith at Davis. Mr. Potter was a teacher and had taught in the public schools in and about Davis for many years. Twenty years ago he served as superintendent of Stephenson county schools.

Those left to mourn his passing are his wife and three sons, Edward E., Herschel E. and Hadley A., all of this city, and seven grandchildren. Herschel E. is superintendent of the mailing division at the local postoffice.

Short funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 1:30 at the home of the son, Edward E. At 6:30 this evening the remains will be sent to his former home in Davis. Funeral services will be conducted there tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, with burial in the Davis cemetery.

Matthew Fredericksen.

Matthew Fredericksen, 73 years of age, 1410 Seventh avenue, a resident of this city for over 45 years, died at 4:15 this morning at St. Anthony's hospital following a short illness with bronchitis and heart failure. He was born in 1841 in Denmark. At an early age he left his native country as a sailor, landing in New York at the age of 18. He worked his way west to Chicago, arriving in Rock Island about 45 years ago and had

lived here since. He was married to Miss Anna Christensen many years ago in Rock Island. She died in 1909. He was a carpenter by trade.

Eight children survive: Mrs. Lena Auld and Mrs. Emma Concannon of this city; Frank, a former contractor here now lives in Winterhaven, Fla.; Clarence and Edward of Monero, N. M.; Mrs. Kate McDonald, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Tom James, Passaic, N. J.; and Mrs. Tom Leary, Brooklyn, Cal.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at Knox's chapel, Rev. Granville H. Sherwood officiating, and interment being in Chippawack cemetery.

Mrs. Alice L. Cooper.

Funeral services for Mrs. Alice L. Cooper were held at 2 yesterday afternoon in the home, 3216 Park Sixteenth street, Moline. Rev. J. E. Conner was in charge and burial took place in Riverside cemetery. Pallbearers were four sons and two grandsons of Mrs. Cooper: Fred E., John W., Arthur T. and Charles F., and Glen Cooper and Clarence North. D. A. Jones, Ed. Wilson, Anna May Simmons and Mrs. Edith Grantham sang several hymns.

Peter Olson.
Peter Olson was laid at rest in Riverside cemetery yesterday afternoon after services held at 2 in the home of his son, Olof Peterson, 932 Fifth avenue, Moline. Rev. A. F. Bergstrom officiated.

Vocal music was furnished by a quartet composed of Martha Serine, Molly Peterson, Lidia Hult and Wilhelmina Wistrand. There was an abundance of beautiful floral offerings. Bearers were L. P. Nelson, Neils Olson, Axel Sorling, Louis Dorman, Frank Anderson and Charles Wahlburg.

Jacob Stoff.

Report received in Moline yesterday morning of the death of Jacob Stoff was a shock to friends of the former Moline man. In that city he is survived by a nephew, F. E. Stoff, 1540 Eleventh avenue, and a niece, Mrs. Charles Gallagher.

Mr. Stoff was born in Naperville, Ill., about sixty-three years ago; moved with his parents at an early age to Galesburg, where he entered the C. B. & Q. shops as a machinist's apprentice. He remained there until he had mastered his trade; came to Moline in the early '30s, obtained employment with the Deere & Leas and later with Deere & Co., being with this last firm more than twenty years. He was manager of the Deere band, an organization well remembered by the older residents, during its entire career; and was with the Moline Elevator company after leaving the Deere plant.

During his employment by the Elevator company he became interested in the sale of Canadian land in connection with J. E. Gustus, the firm having an office in the Skinner annex on Sixteenth street. He was also one of the members of the Strathmore Development company, a local organization formed for the development and sales of farm lands near Strathmore, Alberta, Can.

Some six or seven years ago he was employed by the C. P. R. Land company of Calgary as traveling representative, with headquarters at Calgary, to which city he removed his family in 1911, and that city had been his home since that time.

Mr. Stoff served the county as supervisor previous to his removal to Canada.

Mr. Stoff was twice married; his first wife being Katherine Watson of Davenport, who died Jan. 19, 1889. His second marriage occurred in May, 1901, to Mrs. Louise Williams, also of Davenport, who survives him. In addition to the widow the surviving relatives are two sons, William Stoff, known as Fritz, who now resides at Los Angeles; Fred Stoff of Calgary, and Mrs. Rose Wagner Gaede of Calgary. There is also a stepdaughter, Mrs. Edmund Thirwell, better known as Miss May Williams, also of Calgary.

Dennis McGuire.

Dennis McGuire, 55 years of age, died at 8:30 last night at St. Anthony's hospital following a short illness with heart trouble. Mr. McGuire was removed from his home near Cordova to the hospital yesterday morning. For a number of years he had been employed as farm hand near Cordova and at Carbon Cliff. As far as is known, he has no close relatives living here. The body is at Wheeler's undertaking parlors while a search is instituted for relatives.

Funeral of Mrs. Mary A. Lemon.
The funeral of Mrs. Mary A. Lemon was held this morning at 10 o'clock at the First Baptist church. Rev. H. W. Reed had charge of the services. Interment was in Chippawack cemetery.

Funeral of Alfred H. Pollard.
The funeral of Alfred H. Pollard, Civil war veteran and for over 45 years conductor on the Burlington lines, was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the home of his son, Fred, 1036 Twenty-first street. Rev. H. W. Reed, pastor of the First Baptist church officiated. The home was filled to capacity with sorrowing friends and relatives and the floral offerings were beautiful and numerous. Interment was in Chippawack cemetery.

PERSONAL POINTS

Ben T. Reidy has arrived home from Washington, D. C., having completed his first year in the law department of the Georgetown university.

Mrs. Arthur Pursell of Los Angeles, Mrs. P. M. Stanhope of Elgin, and Mrs. George Simmons of St. Charles, Ill., are the guests of their niece, Mrs. Sam P. Switzer, 1625 Twelfth avenue.

Sixty Rotarians Attend Club Meet.
Sixty members of the Rock Island Rotary club met at the Rock Island club in weekly session at noon today. Following the lunch, action was taken on two or three matters of interest to the club members.

WILL USE BRICK ON NINTH STREET

Board Approves Project as Originally
Outlined and Recommends It
to Council.

IS VICTORY FOR THE MAJORITY

Backers of the Contention That a
Permanent Highway is Most Eco-
nomical Win Their Fight.

Supporters of the contention that a permanent brick highway is most economical won their fight before the board of local improvements at the hearing this morning when the paving of Ninth street from Eighteenth avenue to Rock river was up for consideration. On motion of City Engineer Wallace Treichler, the project as originally outlined, providing for a brick highway 24 feet wide and to cost, according to estimate, \$84,749, was adopted and recommended to the city council for confirmation. Mayor McConochie and Commissioner Juhl, the remaining members of the board, voted in favor of it, making the action unanimous.

The ordinance confirming the action of the board will be up for consideration of the council next Monday night, according to statements made by an official today, although Mayor McConochie, looking at several property owners present, who have fought brick paving and annexation as well, said:

"We are going to proceed slowly. We are not going to be in a hurry, and we won't fall into any traps. We will act with caution, so that the provisions of the union ordinance will be carried out."

Two Against Brick.

S. S. Davis and L. B. Strayer were the only two property owners present who spoke against the brick paving. They favored a macadam composition, as suggested by a Chicago engineer when the first public hearing was held over a month ago. Mr. Davis declared that he was in favor of paving, but not with brick. Mr. Strayer took the same grounds. But the two were by far in the minority. Numerous others spoke heartily for brick paving. They declared that nearly everybody in the new territory wanted brick paving. C. H. Dibern spoke to the board. He declared that he was a merchant in Milan and that it would be to the interest of his business to favor the poorest kind of a highway for Rock Island, because his country trade had long taken the position that, since Rock Island would not give a decent entrance to the city, they would not buy or sell here. But, he declared, in spite of this, he was in favor of a brick pavement because he wanted to see this city get the best for its money.

Cornelius Donovan and E. D. Fisher led the fight for brick paving. They had able lieutenants in Ben Dunlap, John Eicke and C. H. Dibern.

ART EXHIBIT WILL BE OPEN TONIGHT

Showing of Oils Under Auspices of
Tri-City League Will Continue
for a Week.

An extensive and beautiful exhibit of oils will be opened to the public at the Rock Island Public library this evening at 8 o'clock, with an informal reception that is open and free to the general public. The exhibit is given under the direction of the Art League of Rock Island, Davenport and Moline and consists of oils loaned by people from the three cities. The paintings are hung in the north room of the library and make a very creditable showing of works of masters.

On the reception committee this evening are: Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hurst, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Denkmann, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Currie, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Cable, Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Comegys and Mrs. Mattie Williams of this city; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grik, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ficke, C. A. Ficke, Miss Alice Ficke, Mrs. J. J. Richardson, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Watzek, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mueller of Davenport and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stephens and J. D. Metzgar of Moline.

The exhibit will be open and free to the public each afternoon, beginning tomorrow and continuing through Monday, June 14, and members of the league hope that the public will avail itself of the opportunity to see these works of art. Among them are a number of beautiful paintings, all from the works of American artists.

THREE POSTOFFICE EMPLOYEES BEREAVED

Death yesterday afternoon invaded the homes of three employees of the Rock Island postoffice. At 3:15 William Frey, father of W. F. Frey, distributing clerk, was killed in a railway accident at Geneseo. In the evening occurred the death of Johnson Potter, father of Herschel E. Potter, superintendent of the mailing department. During the day Joseph Willmer, member of the carrier force, received a telegram apprising him of the demise of his mother, who passed away at Chicago and whose funeral was held today at Peru.

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RECKLESS DRIVER IN CRASH AGAIN

Another inexperienced jitbus driver narrowly escaped with his life in an accident at Thirtieth street and Fifth avenue yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Edgar DeComet of Moline was driving the jitney at the time. He was traveling east and attempted to pass between a big moving van and an eastbound street car.

He was not successful, however, and the back wheel of the auto caught in the fender of the car. The jitbus was turned clear around in front of the street car and nearly turned over, being in a leaning position when Motor-

man C. W. Letts succeeded in stopping his car. Both rear wheels of the jitbus were ripped off and the car otherwise damaged. Two passengers in the jitney escaped injury.

DeComet is not a member of the union.

AUTO AND BICYCLE COLLIDE AT CORNER

The auto delivery truck of the Dietrich grocery, 305 Twentieth street, collided with a lad by the name of A. J. (d. 535 Fort) second street, yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the corner of Twentieth street and Fourth avenue. The boy was riding a bicycle and was knocked to the pavement, but escaped injury.

Is Not Insane.

Frank Edwards, Moline, was found to be sane and was dismissed from custody by a medical commission in county court this morning before Judge N. A. Larson, composed of A. T. Liepolt and G. D. Hauberg.

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